

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on December 19, 2003.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be additional reimbursement for CPT code 15574 rendered on 9/22/03.

II. RATIONALE

Review of the requestor's request for reconsideration letter dated November 18, 2003 partially states, "Please be advised that you were charged \$1,315.00 for procedure code 15574. You have reimbursed \$905.66. This represents 68% payment. Please be advised that an error has been made in processing this procedure code. Per TWCC guidelines, the primary procedure should be reimbursed at 100%. Therefore, an additional \$409.34 is due..."

Review of the respondent's rationale for maintaining the reduction or denial documented on the Table of Disputed Services states, "CPT code 15574 was reimbursed in accordance with the Medicare payment methodology, a primary procedure, such code was allowed at \$905.66 which is 100% of Medicare in Dallas County. No addl allowance is recommended."

Review of the Medicare Fess Schedule revealed that 100% reimbursement of CPT code 15574 is $\$724.53 \times 125\% = \905.66 . Review of the EOB with an Audit Date of 11/4/03 revealed that the carrier has reimbursed the requestor the amount of \$905.66. The carrier has reimbursed the requestor the allowable amount for the disputed CPT code 15574. No additional reimbursement is recommended to the requestor.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is not entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 15574.

The above Findings and Decision is hereby issued this 12th day of March 2004.

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